

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Weiershausen et al.  
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For: PROCESSES AND DEVICES FOR THE  
DETERMINATION OF A PMD-INDUCED OUTAGE  
PROBABILITY OF AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-noted  
patent application as follows:

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.